



3. Motion and Forces Exercises Solution

E1 (a) displacement (direction: SW; magnitude: 200 km)

(b) speed

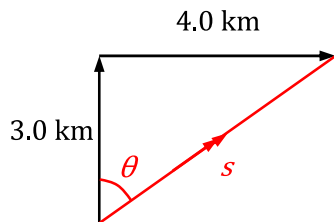
(c) velocity (direction: along straight edge of table; magnitude: 2 mm s⁻¹)

Note: The description of the direction may be unclear (not sure exactly which direction along the straight edge) but there is undoubtedly a mention of the direction.

(d) distance

E2 Speedometer shows the speed your car is moving at.
It does not provide information on the direction of motion.

E3 Draw a vector diagram



(a) distance = 3.0 + 4.0 = 7.0 km

(b) magnitude of displacement $|s| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5.0$ km

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \theta = 53^\circ$$

displacement is 5.0 km 53° east of north

E4 average acceleration $\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t} = \frac{9-0}{1.5} = 6.0 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

E5 average acceleration $\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v_f - v_i}{t} = \frac{0 - \frac{115 \times 10^3}{60 \times 60}}{1.5 \times 60} = -0.35 \text{ m s}^{-2}$



E6 $\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance travelled}}{\text{time taken}} = \frac{2\pi \times 1.5 \times 10^{11}}{365 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60} = 3.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-1} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

In the course of one year, its displacement is zero, so its average velocity is zero.

Note: As the Earth orbits the Sun, its direction of motion keeps changing.

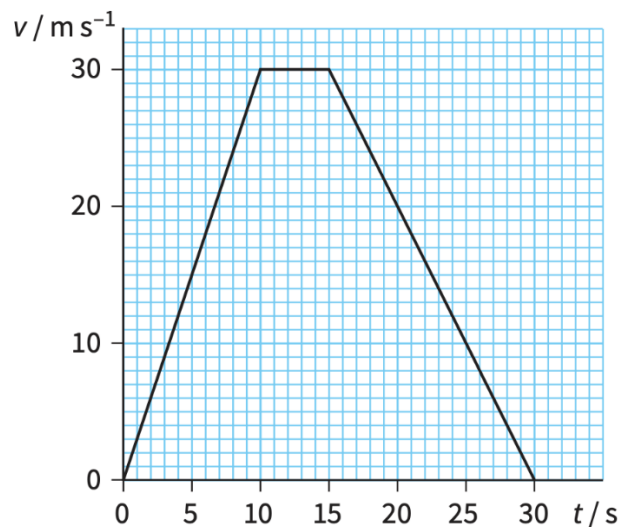
Hence its instantaneous velocity keeps changing.

E7 $\text{average speed} = \frac{\text{distance travelled}}{\text{time taken}} = \frac{20 \times 2 + 40 \times 2 + 60 \times 6}{2 + 2 + 6} = 48 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

E8 s - t graph is a straight line through the origin.

$\text{velocity} = \text{gradient of } s\text{-}t \text{ graph} = \frac{340 - 0}{4 - 0} = 85 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

E9 (a)



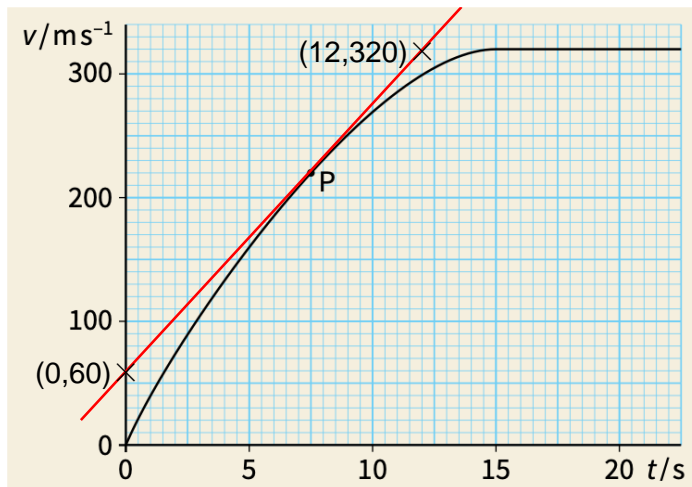
(b) acceleration for first 10 s = gradient of straight line from 0 to 10 s = $\frac{30 - 0}{10 - 0} = 3.0 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

(c) acceleration for last 15 s = $\frac{0 - 30}{30 - 15} = -2.0 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

(d) total distance = area under graph = $\frac{1}{2} \times (5 + 30) \times 30 = 525 \text{ m}$



E10 Draw a tangent to the curve at point P



$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{320-60}{12-0} = 21.7 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

- E11** (a) We know u , a and t and we want to know v , so we use the equation $v = u + at$.
Velocity $v = 0 + 2.0 \times 10 = 20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- (b) We know u , a and t and we want to know s , so we use the equation $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$.
Distance $s = 0 \times 10 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2.0 \times 10^2 = 100 \text{ m}$
- (c) We know u , v and a and we want to know t , so we rearrange the equation $v = u + at$.
Time $t = \frac{24-0}{2.0} = 12 \text{ s}$

- E12** (a) We know u , v and t and we want to know a , so we use the equation $v = u + at$.
Acceleration $a = \frac{20-4.0}{100} = 0.16 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
- (b) Average velocity $v_{avg} = \frac{v+u}{2} = \frac{20+4.0}{2} = 12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- (c) [Method 1]
Distance = average speed \times time = $12 \times 100 = 1200 \text{ m}$
- [Method 2]
We know u , v and t and we want to know a , so we use the equation $s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$.
Distance $s = \frac{1}{2}(4.0 + 20) \times 100 = 1200 \text{ m}$



- E13 (a)** We know $s = 0.80 \text{ m}$ (\downarrow) and $a = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ (\downarrow), and that $u = 0$, and we need to find t .
Use equation $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ and take downwards as positive.

$$0.80 = 0 \times t + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times t^2$$

$$\text{Time } t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 0.80}{9.81}} = 0.40 \text{ s.}$$

- (b)** We know $s = 0.80 \text{ m}$ (\downarrow) and $a = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ (\downarrow), and that $u = 0$, and we need to find v .
Use equation $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ and take downwards as positive.

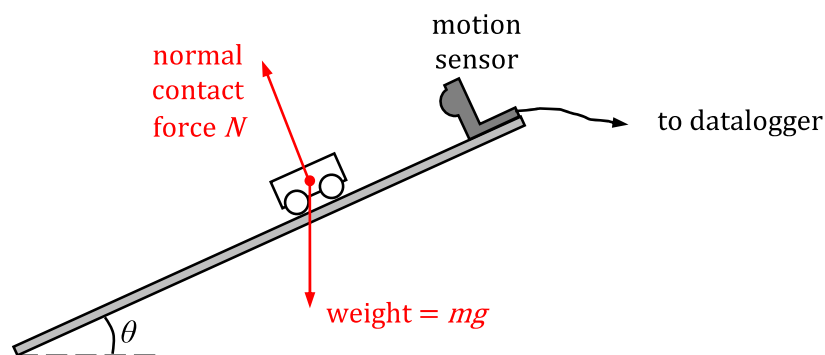
$$\text{Impact velocity } v = \sqrt{0^2 + 2 \times 9.81 \times 0.8} = 4.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}.$$

E14 [Method 1]

Drop an object towards the sensor, but take care not to break it
(e.g. use a softer material such as plasticine ball)

[Method 2]

A better method is to use a sloping ramp with a low friction trolley.



$$\text{Resultant force} = mg \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Acceleration} = mg \sin \theta / m = g \sin \theta$$

Gradually increase the angle of slope. Deduce the value of the acceleration when as the ramp approaches vertical ($\theta \rightarrow 90^\circ$).

- E15** Define initial velocity direction as positive.

$$\text{change in momentum} = 0 - 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.12 = -5.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg ms}^{-1}$$

The negative implies that the average force is opposite to the initial velocity.



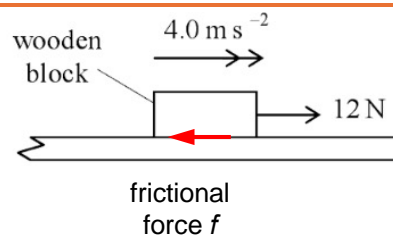
E16 Answer: D
constant velocity implies zero resultant force

E17 Answer: B
uniform acceleration means acceleration is constant

resultant force = mass \times acceleration = constant

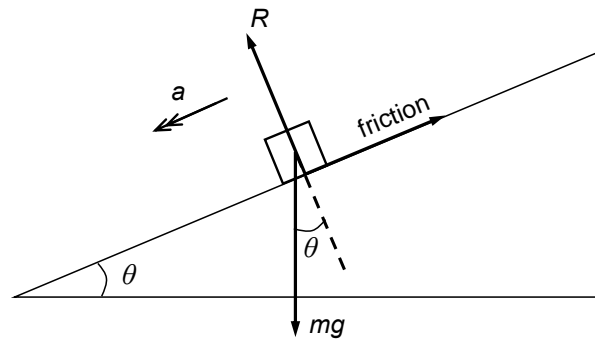
E18 Answer: B
constant velocity implies zero resultant force

E19 Answer: B
resultant force = $12 - f$
 $ma = 12 - f$
 $f = 12 - 0.60 \times 4.0 = 9.6 \text{ N}$



E20 Answer: D
Resolve forces along the incline plane,

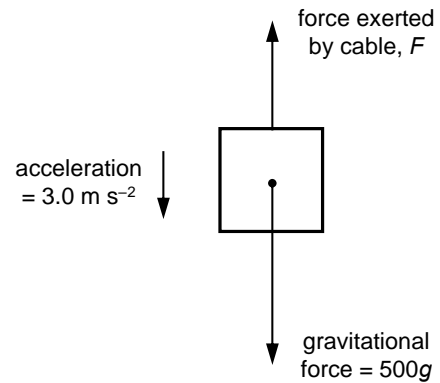
resultant force = $mg \sin \theta - \text{friction}$
 $ma = mg \sin \theta - R$
 $a = g \sin \theta - R / m$





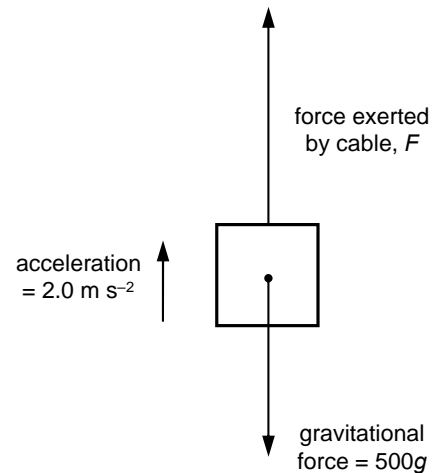
- E21 (a)** acceleration is downwards for this question, so gravitational force > force by cable

$$\begin{aligned}\text{resultant force} &= \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration} \\ 500 \times 9.81 - F &= 500 \times 3 \\ F &= 3400 \text{ N (2 s.f.)}\end{aligned}$$



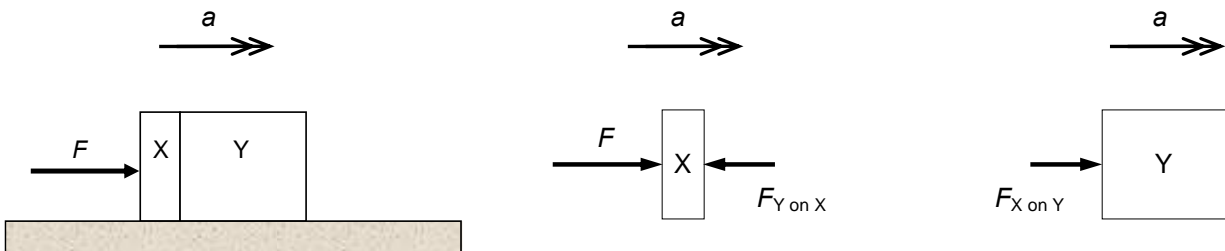
- (b)** even though lift is moving downwards, acceleration is upwards (since slowing down), so gravitational force < force by cable

$$\begin{aligned}\text{resultant force} &= \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration} \\ F - 500 \times 9.81 &= 500 \times 2 \\ F &= 5900 \text{ N (2 s.f.)}\end{aligned}$$



**E22 Answer: D**

force diagrams of both masses together and individually,



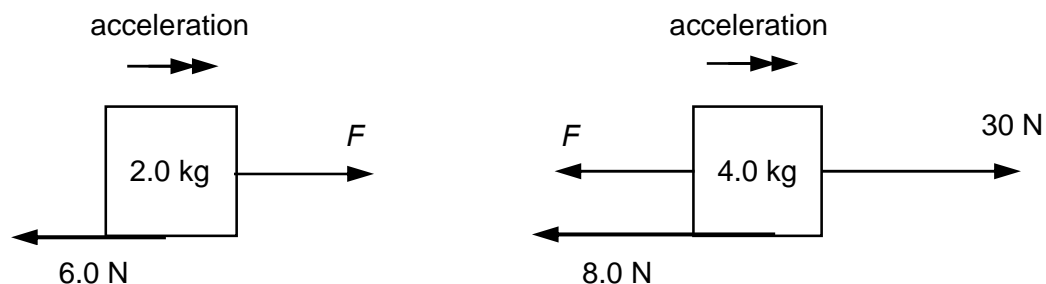
(leftmost diagram) acceleration of X and Y, $a = \text{resultant force} / \text{mass} = F / 4m$

Consider horizontal forces on block Y,
 $F_{X \text{ on } Y} = \text{resultant force} = 3ma = 3F/4$

E23 (a) resultant force = $30 - (6 + 8) = 16 \text{ N}$ (right)

(b) acceleration = $16 / (2 + 4) = 2.7 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ (2 s.f.) (right)

(c) The ends of the string (assumed massless) exert force of equal magnitude F on the blocks. The free body diagrams of the two blocks are shown.
Note: The two forces F are not action-reaction pair.

**Method 1 (forces acting on the 4 kg block)**

resultant force = mass \times acceleration

$$30 - F - 8 = 4 \times 2.6667$$

$$F = 11 \text{ N (2 s.f.)}$$

Force exerted by the string is 11N to the left.

Method 2 (forces acting on the 2 kg block)

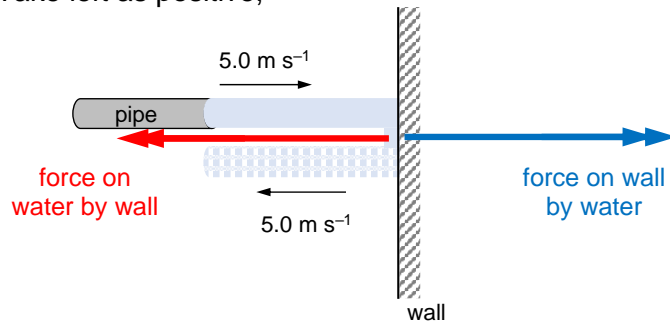
$$F - 6 = 2 \times 2.6667$$

$$F = 11 \text{ N (2 s.f.)}$$

Magnitude of force acting by the string on the 4 kg block equals F , so the force is 11N to the left.



E24 Take left as positive,



$$\text{force on stream } F = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} (v_f - v_i) = 2.0 \times [5 - (-5)] = 20 \text{ N}$$

By Newton's third law, force exerted by water is 20 N and directed to the right.

E25 Mass flow rate $= \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} = \rho A v$
Force exerted on the hose by water
= force exerted on water by hose
 $= \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} (v_f - v_i) = \rho A v (v - 0)$
 $= 1000 \times \pi \left(\frac{0.01}{2} \right)^2 \times 0.50^2$
 $= 0.020 \text{ N}$